

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 1CA

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Committee: Executive Board of the Legislative Council

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF
2 NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2010 the
4 following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall
5 be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval
6 or rejection:

7 To amend Article III, section 10:

8 III-10 Beginning with the year 1975, regular sessions of
9 the Legislature shall be held annually, commencing at 10 a.m. on
10 the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January of each year.
11 The duration of regular sessions held shall not exceed ~~ninety~~ sixty
12 legislative days in odd-numbered years unless extended by a vote of
13 four-fifths of all members elected to the Legislature, and shall
14 not exceed ~~sixty~~ forty legislative days in even-numbered years
15 unless extended by a vote of four-fifths of all members elected
16 to the Legislature. Bills and resolutions under consideration by

1 the Legislature upon adjournment of a regular session held in an
2 odd-numbered year may be considered at the next regular session,
3 as if there had been no such adjournment. The Lieutenant Governor
4 shall preside, but shall vote only when the Legislature is equally
5 divided. A majority of the members elected to the Legislature shall
6 constitute a quorum; the Legislature shall determine the rules
7 of its proceedings and be the judge of the election, returns,
8 and qualifications of its members, shall choose its own officers,
9 including a Speaker to preside when the Lieutenant Governor shall
10 be absent, incapacitated, or shall act as Governor. No member shall
11 be expelled except by a vote of two-thirds of all members elected
12 to the Legislature, and no member shall be twice expelled for the
13 same offense. The Legislature may punish by imprisonment any person
14 not a member thereof who shall be guilty of disrespect to the
15 Legislature by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence,
16 but no such imprisonment shall extend beyond twenty-four hours at
17 one time, unless the person shall persist in such disorderly or
18 contemptuous behavior.

19 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the
20 electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska,
21 Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

22 A constitutional amendment to reduce the maximum
23 number of days for regular legislative sessions to
24 sixty legislative days in odd-numbered years and forty
25 legislative days in even-numbered years.

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- 1 For
- 2 Against.